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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated March 15, 2006.

Applicant herein initially elects to process the Group I claims 14-24, drawn to a sandal by a linking means that allows the tongue portion, of the sandal, to be rotated with respect to its display upon alternating sides.

The election is made with traverse, since all of the claims of this application define a shoe component that is rotateably connected to a portion of the shoe, whether it be a sandal, a boot, skate, or even the collar of a shoe that attaches to its quarter portion. Thus, the election is made with traverse.

In the event that restriction is made final, Applicant will then cancel out those non-elective claims from the application.

The species of the sandal involved would be the one shown in FIGS. 18-23.

The examiner's review of this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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